

NANTYGLIO & BLAINA
URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL
REPORT
OF THE
MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH
FOR THE
YEAR 1958.



NANTYGLO AND BLAINA URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

1958

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for the YEAR, 1958.

To the Chairman and Members of the Nantyglo and Blaina Urban District Council.

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present the Annual Report upon the sanitary circumstances of the District, the health of the people and the work of the Public Health Department for the year, 1958.

The Registrar General's population figure for the Urban Area is 11,030.

The general health of the District during the year has been very good with an absence of any serious epidemic disease, this can readily be seen from the tables that follow

The number of cases of tuberculosis notified was small, these cases being promptly admitted to Sanatoria by the Chest Physician.

All newly notified cases of Tuberculosis are visited by the Medical Officer of Health and a complete report sent to the County Medical Officer and the Chest Physician. Continual contact is maintained with the latter particularly where it is felt that bad housing conditions and other factors make it necessary for some cases to receive priority in admission to Sanatoria. Where house defects are found the Public Health Inspector takes the matter up with the owner.

Advice is given on the Medical Officer's visit re prevention of spread of infection in the home, and this is further enlarged by the visits of the Health Visitor.

The members of the household where a case has occurred are advised to attend the Chest Clinic for skin test and X-ray.

The Public Health Department supplies a liberal quantity of disinfectant for cleansing sputum receptacles and infected linen of the patient and terminal disinfecting is carried out by the Public Health Inspector.

There is also the availability of skin testing of all children up to the age of five at the Infant Welfare Centres, and it is also available for School leavers, any suspicious case being referred after preliminary X-Ray to the Chest Physician.

Work on polio vaccination was speeded up as supplies of vaccine increased age groups 1-15 yrs being vaccinated during the year.

Parents may apply to the County Medical Officer for their children to be vaccinated and forms of application may be obtained from the Public Health Department.

It is my desire to express my sincere thanks to the Members of the Council for their co-operation in all matters connected with the health of the District.

Yours faithfully,
J. Walters Bowen, M.B., B.Sc.,
Medical Officer of Health. D.P.H.

Statistics and Social Conditions of the Urban Area:

The Urban District of Nantyglo and Blaina is situated in the North Western corner of the County of Monmouth, and lies at the head of the Western Valley. The Northern boundary of the district forms the boundary with the Brynmawr Urban District and is also the County Boundary with Brecknockshire. It is bounded on the East by Blaenavon the South by Abertillery and the West by Ebbw Vale.

Nantyglo came into existence in the period 1782-1880 for the purpose of mining the deposits of coal and iron ore; Blaina coming into existence at a later date 1830-1900 for the extraction of coal.

As mining in the area is now confined to one colliery, the workers are employed mainly in the coal mines, factories and steelworks of the adjoining industrial districts. Considerable factory development has taken place in recent years in the Nantyglo Area, and a large modern factory known as the Sextex Co., has been constructed, which produces synthetic flooring, three other factories produce felt, brass fittings and ladies under wear, and there is also a modern boot and shoe making factory.

These factories are of great importance to the industry of the town.

The housing problem remains a most urgent one, especially in the Nantyglo Area, where many of the houses built during the Industrial Revolution are still in existence, one row of houses built for the workers of the old Nantyglo Forge in 1795 is still occupied.

As a result a large percentage of the houses are unfit and should be demolished, many more are sub-standard and occupied by more than one family. The elevation and climatic conditions of the area are conducive of damp conditions in most of these old properties, which are mainly of random rubble construction and without damp-proof courses.

Many of these houses are let at such low rentals that the carrying out of repairs becomes almost an impossibility to most of the landlords.

A large number of people have been assisted by the Council to purchase their own houses, and in these cases extensive repairs and improvements are being carried out.

1.	Total No. of dwellings according to Rate Book on December 31st, 1958.	...	...	...	...	3290
2.	Total No. of houses erected during the year					40
	(a) By Local Authority	...	...	...	...	74
	(b) By Private Enterprise	...	...	1..	...	...
	Total					<u>3330</u>
	No. of houses demolished during 1958..	...	...	...		8
	No. of houses closed during 1958	...	...	...	...	2
	Total No. of dwellings in Area on 31/12/58.			...	...	3290

No. of Council owned dwellings	376
Rateable Value of District	£66,985 55,265
Produce of a Penny Rate for the Financial Year ended 31st March, 1958.	£198

Rates in the £

General Rate	15/3d.
Water Rate	

Area of District in Acres 3,862 acres.

Extracts from Vital Statistics

Birth Rate

Live Births

	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	71	86	157
Illegitimate	<u>2</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>10</u>
<u>Total</u>	<u>73</u>	<u>94</u>	<u>167</u>

Showing a Birth Rate per 1,000 of the population of 15.5 as compared with 17.6 in 1957.

Birth Rate for the County of Monmouthshire was 17.04 per 1,000 of the population.

Still Births

	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	4	3	7
Illegitimate	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>
<u>Total</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>9</u>

Showing a Still Birth Rate per 1,000 live and still births of 45.7

Live and Still Births.

	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	75	89	164
Illegitimate	<u>2</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>11</u>
<u>Total</u>	<u>77</u>	<u>98</u>	<u>175</u>

Death Rate

The number of deaths during the year was:-

Males	102
Females	<u>62</u>
<u>Total</u>	<u>164</u>

Being a crude deathrate per 1,000 of the population of 14.8 and a corrected death rate of 16.42. This compares with a death rate of 14.98 in 1957.

The Comparability Factor for the area as compiled by the Registrar General for 1958 is 1.11.

The Death Rate for the County of Monmouth was 11.73.

Infantile Mortality

Deaths of infants under one year of age:-

	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	4	5	9
Illgitimate	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<u>Total</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>9</u>

Being an infant Mortality Rate of 53.8 per 1,000 live births.

Legitimate Infant mortality Rate. per 1,000 legitimate live births
was 57.3

Maternal Mortality

Deaths from Puerpural Causes	Nil
Deaths from other Maternal Causes	Nil
Maternal Mortality Rate per 1,000 Live and still births.	Nil

Causes of Death

	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>
Pulmonary Tuberculosis	Nil	Nil
Non-Pulmonary Tuberculosis	Nil	Nil
Syphilitic Disease	Nil	Nil
Diphtheria	Nil	Nil
Whooping Cough	Nil	Nil
Meningococcal Infections	Nil	Nil
Acute Poliomyelitis	Nil	Nil
Measles	Nil	Nil
Other Infective & Parasitic Diseases	Nil	Nil
Malignant Neoplasm of Stomach	1	4
Malignant Neoplasm - lung, bronchus	2	Nil
Malignant Neoplasm - breast	Nil	Nil
Malignant Neoplasm - Uterus	Nil	2
Other Malignant and Lymphatic Neoplasms	7	6
Leukaemia, Aleukaemia	Nil	Nil
Diabetes	Nil	2
Vascular lesions of Nervous System	9	6
Coronary Disease, Angina	23	11
Hypertension with Heart Disease	3	2
Other heart Disease	22	15
Other Circulatory Disease	1	1
Influenza	Nil	Nil
Pneumonia	Nil	2
Bronchitis	13	1
Other Diseases of Respiratory System	Nil	Nil
Ulcer of Stomach and Duodenum	Nil	Nil
Gastritis, Enteritis & Diarrhoea	Nil	Nil
Nephritis and Nephrosis	4	2
Hyperplasia of Prostrate	Nil	Nil
Pregnancy, Childbirth, Abortion	Nil	Nil
Genital Malformations	1	Nil
Other defined and illdefined diseases	7	7
Motor Vehicle Accidents.	1	Nil
All other accidents.	<u>3</u>	<u>1</u>
	<u>100</u>	<u>62</u>

	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>
B/Fwd	100	62
Suicide	2	Nil
Homicide and Operations of War	<u>Nil</u>	<u>Nil</u>
All Causes	<u>102</u>	<u>62</u>

PREVALENCE AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS

AND OTHER DISEASES

Arrangements for Diphtheria Immunisation of children are carried out by the School Medical Service of the Monmouthshire County Council.

Number of cases of Notifiable Diseases other than Tuberculosis notified during the year:-

Disease	Males	Females	Total No. Notified
Scarlet Fever			
Whooping Cough	6	7	13
Diphtheria			
Measles	12	8	20
Pneumonia			
Meningococcal Infection			
Poliomyelitis			
Encephalitis			
Dysentery			
Puerperal Pyrexia			
Small Pox			
Paratyphoid Fever			
Enteric Fever			
Food Poisoning			
Erysipelas			
Malaria			
Other notifiable diseases except Tuberculosis			

INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES

NOTIFIED DURING 1958

Age and Sex Classification

AGES	Scarlet Fever		Whooping Cough		Acute Poliomyelitis Paralytic Non-Para				Measles	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
Under 1 year			1							
1 year										
1-2 years			1	3					2	1
2-3 years			2						2	1
3-4 years									1	3
4-9 years			2	4					5	2
10-14 years									1	1
15-24 years									1	
Age unknown										
Total (all ages)			6	7					12	8

AGES	Acute Pneumonia		Acute Encephalitis Infect. Post Infect				Erysipilas		Tuberculosis Respity Other			
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
Under 5 years										1		
5-14 years												
15-24 years												
25-44 years												
45-64 years												
65 and over										1		
Total (all ages)										1	1	

TUBERCULOSIS

No. of Cases on Register at Dec.1958				Cases Notified During 1958				Deaths from Tuberculosis.			
Pul		Non-Pul		Pul		Non-Pul		Pul		Non-Pul	
59		3		2		-		3		-	
M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
30	29	1	2	1	1	-	-	3	-	-	-

FOOD POISONING

No cases of food poisoning were notified during the year.

POLLIO MYELITIS VACCINATION

During the year children in the age groups 1-15 years were vaccinated at the clinics and schools, the response being excellent.

Sanitary Circumstances of the Area

Water Supply

The water supply of the district is supplied in bulk by the Ebbw Vale District Council. The service reservoir being situated at Llangynidr Mountain Beaufort. The water is chlorinated and filtered by slow sand filters before coming into the district.

The new water system has greatly improved supplies to houses, but there are still many with inadequate supplies, due mainly to gross corrosion of the service pipes.

The water is of a soft character and chemical analysis has shown that a slight solvent action is produced when in contact with lead pipes. The use of lead in service & distributing pipes is therefore prohibited, although permissible in hot water systems, etc..

1. Approximate number of houses supplied from public mains.
3,267
2. Approximate population supplied from public mains 11,000

Swimming Bath.

There are still no public or privately owned swimming baths in the district, the baths in the neighbouring authorities of Brynmawr and Abertillery being used.

School children are conducted to these Baths for instruction by the educational authorities but during the summer months the ponds in the district are still used despite the fact that they are dangerous and are quite unfit for use as swimming pools.

Drainage - Drainage - Sewerage is on the water carriage system. The subsidiary sewers are connected up with the Western Valley (Mon) main Trunk Sewer, which discharges into the sea at low water west of the mouth of the River Usk.

The sewers are in quite good condition, the section at Surgery Road which gave so much trouble due to insufficient fall, has been relaid and no further trouble has been experienced.

Public Cleansing.

Public Cleansing and refuse collection is controlled by the Council's Engineer and Surveyor.

Refuse is deposited at the Winchestown site where controlled tipping is exercised.

Although refuse is collected three times a week, householders in the area still persist in depositing their refuse on open spaces near their homes.

This inexcusable practice, in my opinion will not be remedied until there is more co-operation between all concerned, and each householder has a suitable covered dustbin for the storage of domestic refuse prior to collection.

Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949.

The work of rats and mice destruction has proceeded satisfactorily and has been carried out in accordance with the provisions of the above Act.

Two maintenance treatments of the districts sewers have been completed and the results summarised below.

Maintenance Work carried out during May.

Number of manholes baited.	71
Number showing complete takes of bait.	35
Number of manholes tested	64
Number of manholes tested showing takes of bait	18

Maintenance Work carried out during November.

Number of manholes baited.	74
Number showing complete takes of bait.	33
Number of manholes tested.	72
Number of manholes tested showing takes of bait	18

The bait was deposited on the benching of the manholes or upon metal baiting trays fitted to the manhole walls. Each manhole being pre-baited upon alternate days, and on the third day a proportionate amount of poison was added to the base bait and laid at all points which had resulted in a take of pre-bait.

In accordance with the instructions issued by the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, (Infestation Control Department), the base bait and poison used are alternated for sewer treatments and the results prove the efficiency of this change in bait and poison.

The work of Rodent Control in this area is carried out by a full time officer, and the following report shows the number of inspections, infestations and treatments carried out during the twelve months ending 31st March, 1958.

Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949
Report for 12 months ended 31/3/58

	TYPE OF PROPERTY				(5) Agriculture
	NON - AGRICULTURAL				
	(1) Local Authority	(2) Dwelling Houses (inc. Council Hs)	(3) All other (Inc. Business Premises)	(4) Total of cols. (1) (2) & (3)	
Number of properties in local authorities district.	12	3,300	138	3,450	14
Number of properties inspected as a result of:-					
(1) Notification.	-	51	14	65	-
(2) Survey under the Act.	12	996	83	1,091	11
(3) Otherwise (e.g. when inspected primarily for some other purpose	-	-	-	-	-
Total inspection carried out including re-inspections.	12	1,047	97	1,156	11
Number of properties infested (in Ser. 11) which were found to be infested by :-					
(1) Rats - (Major	-	2	-	-	-
(2) (Minor	-	110	4	114	-
(3) Mice - (Major	-	-	-	-	-
(4) (Minor	-	64	10	74	-
Number of infested properties (in Ser.) tested by the L.A.	-	174	14	188	-
Total treatments carried out incl: re-treatments.	-	-	-	-	-
Number of notices served under Ser. 4 of the Act:-					
(1) Treatment:-	-	-	-	-	-
(2) Structural work re-proofing	-	-	-	-	-
Number of cases in which default action was taken following the issue of a notice under Ser. of the Act.	-	-	-	-	-
Legal Proceedings.	-	-	-	-	-
Number of 'Block' control schemes carried out)	-	4	-	4	-

FACTORIES ACT, 1937 & 1948

The following is a list of trades carried on at factories within the urban area and a statement where mechanical power is used:-

Type of Trades	Number of Factories	Mechanical Power used.	Mechanical power not used.
Motor Vehicle repair	2	2	-
Light engineering.	2	2	-
Joinery.	2	1	1
Boot Makers.	1	1	-
Sausages.	1	1	-
Bread.	1	1	-
Wagon repairs.	1	-	1
Tinhouse Bran.	1	1	-
Garage.	3	-	3
Synthetic floor covering	1	1	-
Lingerie.	1	1	-
Felt.	1	1	-
	17	12	5

Number of Factories on Register - December 1958 - 17
 Number of Inspections. 8

Written Notices

- | | | | | |
|-----|-------------------------------------|---------|---------|-----|
| (1) | Want of cleanliness. | .. .. . | .. .. . | Nil |
| (2) | Insufficient sanitary conveniences. | .. .. . | .. .. . | Nil |

Rent Act 1957

This Act which repealed the relevant sections appertaining to Certificates of Disrepair under the Housing Repairs and Rents Act 1954 and several other Acts and parts of Oacts came into force on the 6th July 1957.

First Schedule

(Part 1 Applications for Certificates of Disrepair)

(1) Number of Applications for Certificates.	4
(2) Number of decisions not to issue Certificates	Nil
(3) Number of decisions to issue Certificates	4
(a) in respect of some but not all defects.	Nil
(b) in respect of all defects	4
(4) Number of undertakings given by landlords under paragraph 5 of the First Schedule	1
(5) Number of undertakings refused by Local Authority under proviso to paragraph 5 of the First Schedule	Nil
(6) Number of Certificates issued.	3

(Part 11 Applications for Cancellation of Certificates)

(7) Applications by landlords to Local Authority for cancellation of Certificates.	Nil
(8) Objections by tenants to Cancellation of Certificates	Nil
(9) Decisions by Local Authority to cancel in spite of tenants objection.	Nil
(10) Certificates cancelled by Local Authority	Nil

Housing Statistics.

1. Inspections of Dwelling Houses during the year

- (a) Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects under the Public Health or Housing Acts. 180 approx
(This figure includes inspections for Slum Clearance purposes).
- (b) Number of Inspections made for the purpose. 200 approx.
- (c) Number of dwellings, included under sub-heading (a) above, which were inspected and reordered under the Housing Consolidated Regulations 1925 and 1936. 6
- (d) Number of Inspections made for the purpose. 6
- (e) Number of dwellings found to be in a state so injurious or dangerous as to be unfit for human habitation (one hundred and thirty two houses are to be built to rehouse families from slum dwellings in addition there are twenty two vacant and dilapidated houses to be demolished.
- (f) Number of dwelling houses (exclusive to those referred to under the preceeding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation and subsequently repaired as a result of action by the Local Authority. Nil

2. Remedy of Defects during the Year without service of Formal Notice.

- (a) Number of defective dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or its officers. Nil

3. Action Under Statutory Powers during the Year.

- (a) Proceedings under Sections 9, 10 and 12 of the Housing Act 1967.
- (1) No of dwellings in which Notices were served requiring repairs. Nil
- (11) No of houses in which defects were remedied after service of Formal Notices by Owners. Nil
- (111) By Local Authority in default of owners. Nil
- (b) Proceedings under the Public Health Acts
- (1) No of dwelling houses in which Formal Notices were served requiring defects to be remedied. Nil
- (11) No. of dwelling houses in which defects were remedied after service of Formal Notices.
- (a) By Owners. Nil
- (b) By Local Authority in default of Owners. Nil

(c) Proceedings under Section 16 and 23 of the Housing Act. 1957.

(1) No of dwellings houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders. Nil

(11) No of dwelling houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made. 3

(111) No of undertakings accepted that house will not be used for human habitation. 2

(1v) No of houses closed in pursuance of Closing Orders made under Section 17 of the Housing Act 1957. 1

(V) No of Part Dwellings closed in pursuance of Closing Orders made under Section 18 of the Housing Act 1957. Nil

4. Housing Act 1957. Part 1V Overcrowding.

(a) (1) No of dwellings overcrowded at the end of the year. No figures available.

(11) No of families dwelling therein. Do.

(111) No of persons dwelling therein. Do.

(b) (1) No of cases of overcrowding reported during the year Do.

(c) (1) No of cases of overcrowding releived during the year. Do.

(d) (1) Particulars of any cases in which dwelling houses have become overcrowded after the Local Authority have taken steps for the abatement of overcrowding. Nil

(e) (1) Any other particulars with respect to overcrowding upon which the Medical Officer may consider it advisable to report (Every consideration is given by the Council to families living under overcorwded conditions when considering application for new housing accommodation. Nil.

FOOD.

FOOD PREMISES:

During the year periodic visits were made to retail food shops and premises, where food is prepared stored or deposited for the purpose of sale.

The undermentioned is a list of such premises:-

Grocers and general provisions	59.
Greengrocers and wer fish shops	3.
Bakeries.	1.
Butchers shops.	13.
Fish frying premises.	4.
Confectionery.	5.

Preparation, manufacture and storage of preserved foods, (cooked meats etc., in connection with Butchery businesses).	9.
Manufacture of Ice Cream.	2.
Storage and Sale of Ice Cream.	28.

Byelaws under Section 15 of the Foods & Drugs Act, 1958.

Byelaws for securing the observance of sanitary and cleanly conditions and practices in connection with the handling, wrapping and delivery of food are in operation in the urban area, It has not been necessary to take legal action as food traders are generally co-operative in the question of food hygiens.

Ice Cream (Heat Treatment) Regulations 1947 - 1952.

There are 27 registered retailers and two manufacturers of Ice Cream within the urban area. The retailers obtain supplies which are prepacked, mainly from the large Ice Cream companies.

Of the manufacturers, one uses the heat treatment method, and one, the complete cold mix method, their apparatus conforming to the requirements of the Ice Cream (Heat Treatment) Regulations. Premises in the district conform to legal requirements, and are registered in accordance with the provisions of the Food and Drugs Act.

Milk Supply.

There are 9 persons licensed as Dealers in Pastuerised Milk in accordance with the provisions of the Milk (Special Designations) (Pasteurised and Sterilised Milk) Regulations 1949.

All milk sold in the area is "pasteurised" and supplied mainly by large Dairy Companies having Pasteurisation Plant in the neighbouring towns. There is one such Dairy within the urban area.

The moving of the Public Health Laboratory from County Hall, Newport has presented a little difficulty when samples are submitted for examination, all such samples having now to be taken to Newport, when previously they could be sent by rail.

All samples taken during the year were found to be satisfactory.

Food Hygiens Regulation 1955.

These regulations made by the Minister under Section 13 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1955, made an advance in the provisions applicable to the production, handling storage and sale of food.

Several provisions are new and their interpretation might have been made clear.

Some work has been done to make the Regulations effective, but with Slum Clearance, taking up so much time, it has been impossible to devote to this work the attention that is required.

Inspection of Foodstuffs.

The following foods were found to be unfit for human consumption during vistist to food premises.

Black pudding - 1 lb. Bacon 11½ lbs. Beans - 12 tins.
B eef - 20 lbs. Biscuits - 20 packets.
Corned Beef - 6 tins.(sliced 3 lbs) Corn flakes. 1 packet.
Cheese - 23½ lbs. Carrotts. - 1 tin.
Fruit cocktail. - 1 tin.
Ham - 14 tins. 158 lbs 7 ozs (sliced) 2½ lbs.
Jellied Veal - 3 tins. 18 lbs.
Mincedmeat - 1 jar. Mixed pickles - 12 jars. Milk - 4 tins.
Meat. - 1 tin.
Peas - 30 tins. Pears - 11 tins. Pineapples - 2 tins
Pilchards - 2 tins. Polonies - 12 lbs.
Sultanas - 3 lbs. Stewed steak - 3 tins. Sausages - 31 lbs.

strawberries - 1 tin. Salmon - 3 tins. Sardines - 16 tins.
Steak pies - 6. Swiss Rolls. 1.
Tuna - 1 tin. Tomatoes - 54 tins. Tongue, - 1 tin
Vegitable salad - 12 tins.

All unsound foods are conveyed to the refuse tip and disposed of by burying in order to prevent animals or unauthorised persons gaining access to them.

MEAT INSPECTION.

There are no privately or publicly owned slaughterhouses within the urban area, the bulk of the meat entering the butchers shops in the district coming from the slaughterhouse situated in the neighbouring district of Brynmawr. A quantity also comes from Newport, Maesycwmmwr, and Abergavenny.

An additional Public Health Inspector is employed by the Brynmawr Council on full time meat inspection, the cost of this service being borne by the six neighbouring local authorities forming a Joint Committee, these being:-

Abertillery U.D.C.
Brynmawr U.D.C.
Ebbw Vale U.D.C.

Blaenavon U.D.C.
Crickhowell U.D.C.
Nantyglo & Blaina U.D.C.

Heathcote Slaughterhouse Brynmawr.

Carcases and Offal Inspected & Condemned in
whole or in part.

	Steers & Heifers.	Cows & Bulls.	Calves.	Sheep & Lambs	Ewes & Rams	Pigs	Sows & Boars
Willed.	4180	206	970	24,873	396	8932	36
Inspected.	4180	206	970	24,873	396	8932	36
Disseases except tuberculosis and pytercercosis:- Whole carcasses condemned.	1	3	2	26	29	3	1
Disease in which some part or organ was condemned.	1330	138	4	789	260	534	2
Percentage of No. inspected affected by disease other than tuberculosis or pytercercosis.	31.82	67.00	0.41	3.17	65.65	5.97	5.55
Tuberculosis only Whole carcasses comd. Some of which some part or organ was condemned.	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
	67	15	-	-	-	302	1
Percentage of No. inspected affected by tuberculosis	16.03	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pytercercosis Some of which some part or organ condemned.	5	+	-	-	-	-	-
Carcasses submitted to treatment by refrigeration.	5	-	-	-	-	-	-

115. - No horses were slaughtered.

Heathcote Slaughterhouse Brynmawr.

Condemned Meat & Offal for 1958 - Weight given in Pounds.

MONTH.	Cattle Killed	Beef	Beef Offal	Calves Killed	Veal	Calves Offal.	Sheep Killed.	Mutton.	Sheep Offal	Pigs Killed	Pork	Pigs Offal
JAN.	457	165	2091	93	-	-	1600	167	128	801	204	60
FEB.	375	215	1332	101	19	12	1049	216	101	769	331	77
MARCH.	391	227	1672	138	-	-	694	6	59	900	302	63
APRIL.	343	507	1341	137	-	-	1149	49	60	736	143	101
MAY.	364	267	1504	44	-	-	2023	69	261	615	248	107
JUNE.	400	279	1524	23	-	-	2563	128	60	568	166	49
JULY.	299	162	1650	59	-	4	2878	363	172	492	173	56
AUG.	323	1040	1699	45	-	-	2572	166	124	501	239	119
SEPT.	351	269	1471	81	-	-	3003	9	316	788	318	170
OCT.	366	221	2279	117	39	13	2752	207	512	874	446	242
NOV.	376	1716	2013	70	-	-	2752	120	399	935	441	139
DEC.	341	660	2749	62	3	6	2414	366	394	989	688	139
TOTALS:	4386	5728	22128	970	61	39	25269	1766	2586	8968	3678	1322

CARCASE MEAT AND OFFAL

Total Condemned.

Total Carcase meat condemned.	11,233 lbs
Total Offal Condemned.	26,075 lbs
Total Weight of Meat and Offal condemned.	<u>38,290 lbs</u>

16 tons. 13 cwt. 0 qrs. 12 lbs.

Disposal of Condemned meat
and Offal

Meat and Offal found to be unfit for human consumption at the Slaughterhouse is stained green before being collected by Smithfield Animal Products, Hafod Isha Works, Swansea.

Conclusion.

In conclusion I must express my appreciation for the co-operation received from other Departments of the Council, and the support and consideration extended by the Chairman and Members of the Council during the year of this Report.

Yours faithfully,

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